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Exploring options for the Minden arena

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

It would cost about \$3 million to bring the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, as it is, up to grade. It would cost about \$6.6 million for significant renovations that would include new change rooms and between \$10 and \$12 million to replace it with a new facility.

Those were the figures from Minden Hills community services director Mark Coleman during a public input session on renewal options for the arena. The modestly attended meeting, held at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Sept. 19, was intended for members of sports and recreation groups.

A second public meeting is scheduled for

Option A, bringing the current arena up to snuff, would cost approximately \$3 million, Coleman told the room.

The arena was constructed in the early

Option B, major renovations to the building, would include the addition of energy-efficient infrastructure as well as new change rooms and office space at the front of the arena and cost about \$6.6 million.

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Marking 70 years of marriage

Minden residents Jean and Denzil Cox celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary - yes, you read that correctly - with a reception at Hyland Crest on Sunday, Sept. 18, where they were surrounded by family and friends. Denzil is 94 and Jean is approaching her 92nd birthday. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Hydro One deal doesn't include dam

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

In a deal finalized last month, Hydro One purchased the Orillia Power Distribution Corporation from the City of Orillia.

The deal, however, does not include the dam on the Gull River outside Minden, which continues to be part of the Orillia Power Generation Corporation, which continues to be owned by the City of the Orillia.

The distribution and generation corporations have been subsidiaries of the Orillia Power Corporation, which, until the recent sale of the distribution arm, have been wholly owned by the city.

Hydro One paid \$26.4 million for the distribution wing and will also assume \$15 million in debt as part of the deal.

"We look forward to welcoming the customers and employees of Orillia Power Distribution to the Hydro One family," said Mayo Schmidt, president and CEO of Hydro One in a press release. "This merger of

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Deadline for arena survey is Oct. 11

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Currently, community services staff work out of a space at the back of the arena.

"It's not that functional for that many staff to work in," Coleman said.

Option C, a new recreation complex in Minden, would likely cost between \$10 and \$12 million.

"That's a whole new facility," Coleman said.

The community services director said renovations on the arena should last the next 25 to 30 years, while a new facility should be good for the next half-century.

"If the money was available, it would be the best option," Coleman said. "We have the space, we have the real estate. We're not restricted to the footprint of our building.'

However, it's unclear what kind of grants will be available from the provincial and federal governments, meaning it's uncertain how much of total project costs would fall to the municipality itself.

Any scenario will likely require some borrowing on the part of the township.

"We don't have the money sitting in the bank," Coleman said. "Council would have to consider what they can afford." He pointed to continuing low interest rates.

"There's not a much better time to go into debt," Coleman

Municipalities that carry debt actually have a better chance of getting grant approvals from the province.

The township has issued a survey, which is available online, asking, among other questions, which of three options residents would prefer.

Of the 184 responses that have been received so far, 26 per cent said they prefer option A, 35 per cent option B and 39 per cent Option C.

"You've got people pulling in both directions and in the end, you find the middle ground somewhere," Coleman said.

Sixty-eight per cent of respondents strongly supported municipal tax dollars funding most of the project and 80 per cent said they'd been willing to contribute to fundraising efforts.

"There were some people who said they'd be willing to contribute \$1,000, individually," Coleman said. "Some of those people are the pool people."

There is a group of Haliburton County residents who are passionate about constructing an indoor pool in the community.

The survey can be found online at https://mindenhills.ca/ assets/Minden-Hills-Survey-Arena-Task-Force.pdf and must be completed and returned to the township by Oct. 11. Copies can also be picked up at the township office on Milne Street or at the community services department at the arena.

Representatives of the Highland Storm minor hockey association who were at Monday's meeting said they'd like to see larger change rooms, as well as a change room specifically for female players. Having access to the boxes directly from the change rooms was another suggestion.

The general public meeting on the future of the arena is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3 at the community

Hydro One now owns part of Orillia Power

two long time neighbours makes perfect sense and we believe will enable us to realize operational synergies over time that can positively impact electricity prices and quality of

"On behalf of Orillia council, I would like to welcome Hydro One as a new community partner," said Orillia Mayor Steve Clarke in a release. "We look forward to Hydro One providing the same high-quality electricity distribution ser-

vice as Orillia Power and the construction of new state-ofthe-art facilities in Orillia, which in turn will provide significant economic impact, new jobs, and spin-off benefits for our

Last week, the province announced that Ontario residents would receive rebates on their hydro bills as the provincial government removes the provincial portion of HST from bills. In most cases, this will amount to an eight per cent rebate, although higher rebates were promised for residents of rural areas.

Critics were quick to point out that hydro rates are scheduled to increase again as of Nov. 1 and that cap-and-trade taxes are also likely to mean heightened charges in the new

Orillia Power has owned the dam at Minden since it was sold to the Orillia Power and Light Company by the Stinson family in 1918. The Stinson family had operated a series of mills at the site.

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Communities in Bloom Ontario judges Grace Dekker, left, and Mona Boyd admire Sinclair Russell's blooming balcony - "a little paradise" says Dekker. The judges were in Minden on Tuesday, August 16 to evaluate tne town's gardening and landscaping gems. On September 17, Minden Hills received five blooms the highest score, at an awards ceremony in Stratford. Five blooms opens the door to compete at the

Five blooms for Minden Hills

– the highest grade possible – from Communities in Bloom Ontario.

Judges from the organization visited the community in August, grading it on floral displays and community involvement and viewing areas such as the Village Green and Riverwalk.

Community services employee Eric

Minden has received five blooms a variety of criteria including tidiness, Casper accepted the award on behalf of the township at a ceremony in Stratford on Sept. 17.

Committee celebrates new playground

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee is inviting the community to check out the new playground at the centre in a grand opening ceremony the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 25.

The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. and there will be hotdogs and refreshments. The centre, the former Lochlin school, is located at 4713 County Road 1 (Gelert Road).

Fundraising for the project began with a group of ballplayers who held a tournament at the centre's diamond.

"They said, 'You need something for the young kids to play with," said Minden Hills Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville, council's representative on the committee.

The players made a donation. That was added to with a donation from the estate of Celia Brown, the longtime teacher at the Lochlin school, as well as a donation by the Hill family and other fundraising efforts by the committee.

The project's budget – about \$30,000, total – was rounded out through a successful grant application by the Township of Minden Hills.



Ava and Jacob Shank enjoy the new swings.



Above members of the Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee at the centre's new playground. From left in the back row are Bill Little, Minden Hills community services director Mark Coleman, Sue Little, Linda Schrader, Helen Burk and Rob Peacock.

Middle row, from left, Mildred Hill, John Legemaate, Juilan Fuhr, Minden Hills Councillor Jean Neville, Georgia Shank and Jacob Shank. Front row, from left, Shirley Hill, Renie Legemaate and Jane Leavis. CHAD INGRAM



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MEETINGS & EVENTS

PUBLIC WELCOME

September 29

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers

October 13

9:00 am, COTW meeting, Minden Council Chambers

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

For the Community Services Department: Tender #CSD 16-002 – Shelter Design & Construction for the Minden Ball Diamonds. Submission deadline is Wednesday Sept 28, 2016 by 12:00 noon.

Tender #CSD 16-003 - Quonset Hut Pad & Services. Submission deadline is Friday Sept 30, 2016 by 12:00 noon.

For the Environmental & Property Operations Department: Tender #EPO 16-006 – Administration Office Stand-by Generator & Concrete Pad. Submission deadline is **Tuesday Sept** 27, 2016 by 12:00 noon.

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RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR THE S.G. NESBITT ARENA - UPCOMING PUBLIC **MEETING**

A General Public Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 3, **2016.** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm to present and discuss additionally the renewal options for the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Meeting will be held at the Minden Community Centre, Room #2 Doors open at 6:30 pm, Presentations at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED FOR:

Renewal Options for the S.G Nesbitt **Memorial Arena Draft Master Parks and Trails Plan**

Surveys Due Oct 11th. Comments or inquiries, contact the Director of Community Services, at mcoleman@mindenhills.ca, or 705-286-1936 ext. 201. Surveys can be accessed by visiting www.mindenhills.ca

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: HOUSING TASK FORCE

The Township of Minden Hills' Planning and Development Advisory Committee is currently seeking interested individuals to participate on a Housing Task Force for the purpose of creating a mechanism for community engagement with respect to planning to meet the diverse housing needs in Minden Hills.

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Please visit www.mindenhills.ca/2015-2018-advisory-committees/ for more information on the task force mandate and draft terms of reference.

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Stephens honoured at Zion's 125th anniversary

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Carnavon's Zion United Church is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and members are also celebrating its longserving musical director.

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Joan Chapple, centre, and Barbara Walford-Davis present Melissa Stephens, left, with plaques at the 125th anniversary celebration of Carnarvon's Zion United Church. Stephens is in her 35th year as the church's musical director.

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A celebration on Sept. 17 packed the house for a dinner and entertainment, which included honours for the church's musical director, Melissa Stephens, in her 35th year in the

"She brought her wealth of musical knowledge," said Joan Chapple, one of the few choir members who was around when Stephens started.

A music teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Stephens is a perennial fixture of musical productions in the county. Along with her duties at Zion, she is also the musical director for the Haliburton United Church.

"She continued to mold us into a group that wanted to stretch, grow and sing, sing, sing," Chapple said. "I've watched her make music an important part of this county. She has continued to make sure Zion's love of music is nurtured. Melissa, your love of music is contagious. We realize we are so fortunate to have you as part of the Zion family."

A special service on Sunday, Sept. 18 also paid homage to the church's anniversary.





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Left, the Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble performed several selections during a celebration of Zion United Church's 125th anniversary on Sept. 17.

Below, it was packed house. Bottom, members of the Zion United Church performed a number of tunes, including a specially-penned song for longtime musical director Melissa Stephens.

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That sinking feeling

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VE WRITTEN THIS before, I'm writing it now and chances are I'll write it again in the

Minden Hills township cannot afford an indoor swimming pool. I know, I know . . . release the hounds or the kraken or whatever.

This is a conversation that takes place every few years. Usually, the pool monster surfaces during municipal elections, at least a few candidates making the construction

of a public pool a main plank of their platforms.

This time around, it will be as Minden Hills conducts a public consultation process on renovations to or replacement of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial

Reporter The facility requires and will receive renovations that will cost a few million dollars, but adding an aquatic component would cost millions more.

We're talking about a township with a total annual budget of about \$12 million, about \$7 million of which is levied from taxation.

This year, about \$3 million of that went into maintaining its roads network. Environmental services which include the operation of landfills and water and sewer systems – cost about \$2 million. General government – which includes administrative salaries – was about \$1.8 million. The township's OPP bill was also \$1.8 million, a figure that will increase again next year.

You get the picture. It doesn't take long for \$12 million to get used up. And the township has more pressing projects to deal with. The new fire hall it's on the verge of building comes immediately to mind. That project will likely cost a couple million.

Yes, the township has some cash stowed away, about \$1.6 million in its capital reserves. However, most of that is likely bound for the fire hall project.

> Let's pretend Minden Hills could afford to build a complex with a swimming pool, that it got two-thirds funding from the feds and province and borrowed its third, debenturing that loan over a 20-year period.

None of that would address the facility's

operating costs, which, with staff, chemicals, maintenance and repair of specialized equipment, etc., would likely total hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

User fees would have to be astronomically high to cover that. In fact, it's highly unlikely that in a tiny community user fees would be able to cover that. Operating expenses would ultimately fall to the township's taxpayers in the form of tax hikes. All for a facility used by a tiny portion of its taxpayer base.

While the concept of a community pool is wonderful, the reality of it remains outside the scope of fiscal reality for Minden Hills.



Diana Coleiro sent in this photo of these very lovey carrots.

Duck blindness

T WEEK'S END, I will be heading out to hunt ducks with a group of guys I have hunted with for 41 years. That's why I still can't believe they are holding out hope that I'm going to show up early to help put cover on duck blinds.

You'd think they'd know better after all this time.

I have avoided this task for four decades so a pattern has emerged.

But I also believe they think I'm starting to run out of good excuses as to why I can't do this. They're trying to wear me down.

Let me tell you, this isn't easy. First of all, I can't use the old family emergency excuse. I tried that once, suggesting that my grandma was on her death bed - which might have worked except for the fact we're all related to grandma.

I've used every excuse under the sun regarding my vehicle. I've claimed at least three transmission failures, five or so flat tires, two blown gaskets, and four full out fiery explosions that were the result of car chases with mysterious bad guys.

I've also told them at least twice I had to participate in a conference call with my boss. That was a great excuse until they remembered I'm self-employed.

I've cited the death (and subsequent resurrection of a good hunting dog) on one occasion and have, at times, blamed an active volcano, a bad bout of scurvy, a flying ant infestation and the heartbreak of psoriasis.

And through it all, they acted as if they

believed me and then made duck blinds far too tall for me to see out of at my end. It's a small price to pay.

This time is different though. This is the 40th anniversary of the first excuse I ever made – getting my braces removed. (That was an easy one since I have never worn braces and they, being my buddies, never took the time to notice that small detail.)

Years of doing this, have taught me a

For instance, it's best to lie on a small

scale. They had a hard time believing that I was invited to try out for Canadian National Basketball Team, especially when I insisted it wasn't the women's team.

The funny thing is, if truth be told, covering blinds is kind of fun. You get to visit the marsh in broad daylight and watch ducks fly over on the last day before the season starts. You get to hang out with the guys and reminisce

about the years gone by. You recount old hunts, catch up on what has happened to everyone in the year since we last met and generally be among good friends.

Yet, I feel that my tradition is equally important – and, if I don't do it, who will?

In any case, I feel like the 40th should be something special. Right now, I'm trying to decide whether I should blame my showing up right at dinner on a UFO encounter and alien abduction or me deciding to spend the afternoon mowing the front lawn and tidying the yard. I think I will probably blame my tardiness on UFOs this year.

They know me. There's no way they would believe the latter.



STEVE GALEA Beyond 35

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Story, not style

IKE A LOT OF FOLKS, THERE WAS A TIME when I never went to bed without watching CBC's *The National*. Like a lot of people now, I almost never turn the program on.

The National began losing thousands of viewers many years ago when it opted for personalities and style over solid, serious journalism. It became a water-filled balloon that developed a pinhole. Viewers dripped away, then dribbled and squirted out until the pinhole widened into an escaping torrent.

Now it routinely runs behind the CTV and Global national news in audience ratings. Its ratings are somewhere in the range of a specialty channel.

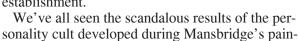
The problem with *The National* is that personalities are more important than the story. And in journalism, there is nothing more important than the story – the fair and factual story.

The most important personality at CBC, of course, is Peter Mansbridge, aptly named Pastor Mansbridge by Globe and Mail columnist John Doyle. He has announced he is leaving *The National* but is not retiring from the Mother Corp. He is 68 and will show up doing something else at CBC, no doubt being paid his million-plus bucks.

Nothing illustrates the CBC's cult of personality more than his departure announcement. His last broadcast of *The National* will be July 1 next year,

> Canada's 150th birthday. How excellent! Two major Canadian events the same day: Mansbridge's last broadcast of *The National* and Canada's 150th. Which would you vote for as the most important?

> The National lost touch with Canadians when it decided that its intellectual superiority makes it the best editor of what news the great unwashed should receive. It represents the Toronto left-leaning establishment and Peter Mansbridge is the voice of that establishment.



fully long run at The National. The Amanda Lang scandal in which The National's star business correspondent was accused of taking speaking fees from companies on which she reported. She had a too cozy relationship with the Royal Bank of Canada.

JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Then Evan Solomon, once touted as Mansbridge's successor, was fired when it was learned that he pocketed tens of thousands of dollars in secret commissions for art sales to people he dealt with as a CBC TV on-air host.

And Jian Ghomeshi, the CBC star who admitted a fondness for rough sex and who was accused of sexual harassment and assault. He stood trial for sexual assault and was found not guilty. The CBC had to dump him.

Mansbridge and Rex Murphy, *The National's* annoying know-it-all, both crossed journalism's ethical boundaries by taking big buck speaking fees from companies or others who might be in the news. CBC management said it was disappointed anyone would think that taking large speaking fees would affect any on-air person's journalistic integrity. Then it turned around and forbid on-air staff from taking paid speaking gigs.

What it should be doing is forbidding anything that nourishes its personality cult. Like Mansbridge accepting the Order of Canada, which should be for people who work tirelessly, often without reward, for the good of their

Mansbridge's semi-retirement is a huge opportunity for CBC management to return *The National* to its years-ago position as a powerful news source for Canadians. It is an opportunity to give the news operation back to real journalists who see the story more important than themselves.

A "star anchor" to replace Mansbridge is not necessary. Let a variety of news people with on-air competency present the news stories that they are involved in.

Aside from dealing with its inner cancers, CBC also must reshape itself to become relevant in the online world of news. Online news is a revolution that has brought incredible changes, with more to come. We no longer need to turn on the TV at 10 p.m. to find out what is happening in the world. We already know because we get online news every minute throughout the day.

All traditional news outlets are struggling with how to survive in the new and changing world of news. When it all shakes out, one longstanding axiom will still be there: Content, not style and personalities is the key to good journalism.

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letters to the editor

Thanks to Poling

To the Editor,

ticularly timely and, well, thought-provoking.

Just a note of thanks for giving us Jim Poling's insightful column every week. This week's "Thoughts For Food" (great headline) is par**Tom Douglas** Oakville

Move like a ninja

N HIS TED TALK BRING on the Female Superheroes, Christopher Bell describes his Ldaughter as "strong, and smart and fast and fights like a ninja." What kind of image does that conjure up for you? For me, I see strong elegance. The perfect combination of agility, balance, and power. Christopher Bell's daughter is nine years old. She is taking martial arts.

I am 55 and a half. I am not taking martial

arts but I am moving my body in as many ways as I can think of – that are age appropriate, of course. My new goal is move like a ninja.

It's been proven over and over again that if we don't use our bodies we lose the ability to move them. If we don't jump up and down, that movement disappears. If we don't get down on the floor and back up and again, BAM, that's

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Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of Ottawa's The Point for Fitness.







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TD Tree Day

Rebecca Krawczyk of Bark Ecological Gardens and Nursery shows volunteers the proper way to plant trees and shrubs during TD Tree Day in Minden on Sept. 17. The bank donated 400 trees and potted shrubs, which dozens of volunteers planted along the Riverewalk in downtown Minden. CHAD INGRAM



Volunteers plant trees in the rain during TD Tree Day in Minden on Sept. 17.



Some precipitation didn't stop some 40 volunteers from planting trees and shrubs along Riverwalk on the morning of Sept. 17. The plants were donated by TD and many were planted in a parkette near the Loggers' Crossing pedestrian bridge. The township has also constructed a stone staircase providing access to the river at the site.



Volunteers came dressed for the weather as they planted trees in the rain.

Above, participants of the Minden Terry Fox Run do some warmup exercises outside the community centre on Sept. 18.

Right, it was all concentration off the start line.



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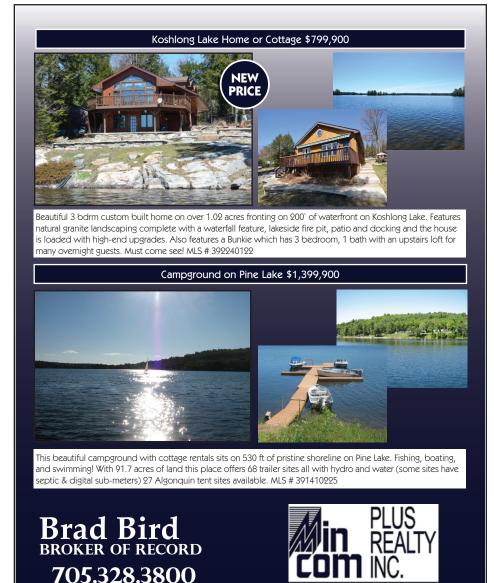
Hope springs eternal

Below, runners, walkers and cyclists burst from the start line at the annual Minden Terry Fox Run on Sept. 18. This year's event raised some \$12,000 and included more than 140 participants and some 50 volunteers. The Minden Terry Fox Run has raised more than \$250,000 for cancer research in its 23 years. CHAD INGRAM Staff





Left, a participant of the Minden **Terry Fox** Run looks as organizing committee chairwoman Diane Peacock speaks prior to the event on Sept. 18.



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Majority of Highlands visitors surveyed are middle-aged

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Most visitors to the Haliburton Highlands are middle-aged, early results from a county tourism department survey show.

As of the end of August, 153 people had filled out the survey, what tourism director Amanda Virtanen called a "very small sample" as she presented findings to members of the county's tourism advisory committee during a Sept. 14 meeting.

So far the survey has been promoted strictly online, but the county has printed promotional material that will be distributed at restaurants, accommodations, other businesses and through media.

'We have these print promotions that will be in the market next week," Virtanen said.

The survey will continue throughout 2017. Based on the first round of responses, 60 per cent of visitors were between the ages of 45 and 65, with 26 per cent of respondents aged 45 to 54 and 34 per cent aged 55 to 65.

A little more than 11 per cent of respondents identified themselves as being between 25 and 34, 21 per cent between 35 and 44 and 7.5 per cent of respondents were older than 65.

Forty-six per cent of respondents had a household income of \$100,000 or more. Forty-five per cent identified themselves as being at the "family stage" of life, 26 per cent as couples with no kids and nearly 23 per cent as empty nesters.

"We really kind of wanted that mix," Virtanen said.

About half said they'd heard about the Haliburton Highlands through friends or family and many stay at either their own cottages or cottages of friends and family while in the county.

Fifty per cent enter the county though Minden via Highway 35, with about 15 per cent coming on Highway 118 east through Carnarvon and 15 per cent on County Road

Eighty per cent of respondents stay more than five days when they come to the community, with nearly 27 per cent spending more than \$2,000 during that time.

The survey can be taken here: https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/VB69L95.

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Speed limit reduction on County Road 6

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The speed limit on a stretch of County Road 6 between Cranberry Lake Road and Eagle Lake will drop from 80 km/h to 70 km/h.

Haliburton County roads director Craig Douglas reviewed a request from a resident that the speed limit be lowered using the Canadian Guidelines for Establishing Posted Speed Limits, produced by the Transportation Association of Canada.

"I think it's important when we get these kinds of requests, we don't just stick our thumbs in the air," Douglas told members of

the county roads committee during a Sept. 14

The guidelines use a metric that takes factors such as hills, corners, number of entrances, etc., into consideration.

"Seventy kilometres is what the guideline is recommending," Douglas said. "I'm not about to argue with that outcome.'

The change also means that speed reduction in the area will go from 70 km/h to 50 km/h, instead of 80 km/h to 50 km/h.

Douglas said it is not recommended that speed limit transitions be greater than a 20km/h difference, although there are still some other areas in the county where this is the case.

Controlling invasive weeds

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Haliburton County will develop a policy that will help staff control invasive weeds in the community.

During a Sept. 14 meeting, members of the county roads committee received a recommendation from roads director Craig Douglas calling for the creation of such a policy.

Non-toxic invasive plant species such as Phragmities and Japanese knotweed dot the community and pose a threat to the

area's natural plant species, while noxious weeds such as giant hogweed and wild parsnip can also pose health risks to humans.

The policy will include mapping the local areas where invasive species exist.

"It's really important to track where the weeds are," Douglas said.

In the case of giant hogweed, for example, Douglas said seeds can lie dormant in the ground for up to seven years before sprouting. Preventing the weeds from flowering is what prevents them from producing more seeds.





Culvert work will take place around the clock

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Sept. 15 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Work on two culverts along Highway 35 north of Highway 118 will take place 24 hours a day, with the work expected to last one to two days at each location.

emption from the township's noise bylaw to complete the work around the clock.

The culverts are being replaced as part of repairs on a 5.5-kilometre section of Highway 35 north of Carnarvon, being completed by the MTO.

"In order to complete the work as quickly as possible with the least amount of disruption, a request is being made to work 24 hours a day," read a report from township bylaw enforcement officer and chief building official Dave Rogers. "The representative from

Councillors granted a request for an ex- AECOM (engineering consulting firm) has advised if the work is permitted to be done on a 24-hour basis, it will take one to two days at each location to complete. If the work is to be completed on regular working hours, it is estimated to take a minimum of one week at each location."

> Marlene Kyle said she had concerns about the noise for nearby residents.

> The MTO is to provide advance notice as to the dates the work will take place.

High sodium at Dorset garage

The water at the township's new public works garage remains non-potable, due to high sodium levels.

Public works director Mike Thomas told councillors he continues to take samples and work on the problem.

In the meantime, signage has been posted indicating the water is not potable. Thomas said the township hasn't even been using the water there to wash vehicles, since the salt can lead to corrosion.





Subaru sponsor of HHHSF radiothon

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation thanked Minden Subaru for being the presenting sponsor for this week's radiothon - Thursday, Sept. 22 and Friday, Sept. 23 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Over the last nine years, radiothons have raised \$267,000 for the foundation. This year, funds raised go to the bone densitometry project to bring care closer to home. (The goal is \$175,000 and so far the foundation has raised \$71,000.)

At radiothon headquarters at the Haliburton hospital, lunch on Thursday will be provided by Smokin' Jakes, on Friday it will be Into the Blue Bakery and part of the proceeds from lunch go to the radiothon. You can also view new Subaru vehicles under the Subaru tent, fill in a ballot to win Ringo the Raccoon, check out the auction items and shop till you drop at the Haliburton Auxiliary Gift Shop. Photo submitted



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Minden budget passes million dollar mark

Anson, Hindon and Minden townships have become a million dollar municipality following the completion of the 1982 budget Thursday evening by the township council. For the first time in the municipality's history township spending has topped the million dollar mark. The total allotment to be collected in 1982 for work within the three townships was set at \$1,034,632.

Actually the municipality has been collecting more than a million dollars in taxes for a number of years, but portions of that amount have been turned over to the board of education and the county to meet their levies.

This year is no exception, as the county and education system will claim nearly 40% of the municipality's total levy of \$1,920,342. Some \$756,000 will be set aside for education while the county claims \$131,224.

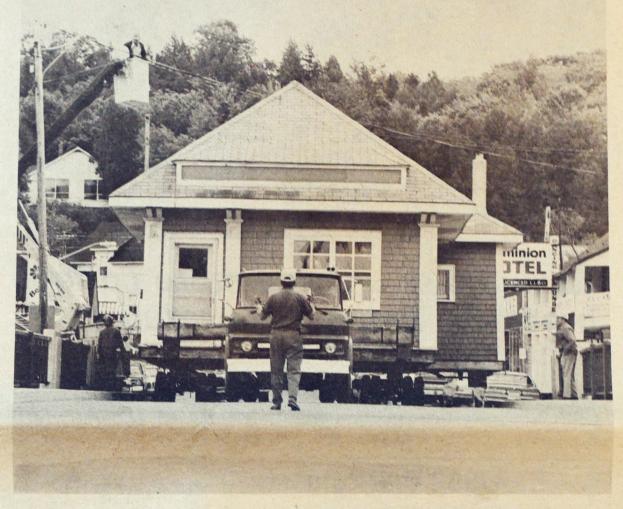
The municipal budget figure represents an increase of close to \$63,000 over the

municipality while at the same time reduce the need for the township to borrow large amounts.

Other major increases include a \$19,900 leap in Health Services spending, \$10,856 of which will go towards salaries for ambulance personnel. All expenditures in Health Services however, receive 100 per cent subsidy from the Ministry of Health.

Social and Family services are also slated for a major increase in spending. An additional \$10,227 will be spent this year, with welfare accounting for a \$9,598 increase.

The municipality will spend \$26,674 more on recreational and cultural services in 1982. \$8,572 will go towards the cost of paving the parking lot and walkways at the Library/Cultural Centre and funds for parks development are also up \$3,000 over last year's budget for a total of \$7,000. Grants to various organizations are also up



The old Minden library took a spin through town Friday on its way to a new home at the Library and Cultural Centre. The building will house a new museum at the site.

1982 budget....

comment on page 4

amount spent in 1981. Mill rates throughout the municipality will increase an average of 9.2% to cover the tax boost. (Tax rates vary from area to area within the townships. A chart on page three outlines the mill rates for the year.)

The biggest single increase in this year's municipal budget is in the general government department which increases from \$180,000 spent last year to \$322,000 proposed for 1982. A large portion of that increase is contained in the \$108,000 which has been set aside as provision for working capital. These funds will be used to offset capital expenditures made before the second installment of taxes are paid.

Members of the newly formed finance committee are hopeful the increased provision will boost bank interest income for the

In response to a recommendation in the recent CAUSE study conducted in Minden, council has budgeted \$10,000 towards a newly created Planning and Zoning Reserve Fund. Planning and zoning costs meanwhile have been increased to \$10,000 from the 1981 budget total of \$4,000. According to councillor Ed Pergolas who along with Lyle McKnight makes up the municipal finance committee the \$10,000 could be used by the municipality towards the cost of an Official Plan for the specific improvement projects.

Pergolas also said, following the release of the budget, that the new finance committee has made a significant reduction in the work load necessary in preparing the budget. According to Pergolas, he and

(more on page 3)

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, facing rising maintenance costs and a complete loss of government grants, announced last week that it will adopt a users pay system for the 1982-83 season.

Government grants to the club have dropped steadily over the past few years, to the point where all government funding has been cut off for the upcoming season. Rising fuel costs, meanwhile, have caused a steady increase in the price of maintaining trails, and association directors now feel that the new system is necessary to keep the club alive.

According to Tom Prentice, the association's president, the move overturns the group's long held policy to remain public. "We have always sworn we would stay public," Prentice said in an interview last week, "but I can't see how we can do it

financially now." Prentice also said that the club's 14 directors have discussed various means of raising funds for the club, but that directors did not have enough time to raise sufficient money through club activities.

HCSA forced to user pay

system for 1982-1983

Under the users pay system, all snowmobilers using the association's trails will be required to pay a users fee. Riders who are not club members will pay a temporary users fee. Club members will make regular patrols to ensure that all people using the trails have paid. Membership and temporary fees for this season have not yet been set by club directors.

Only 10% to pay

Association directors found last year that 90 per cent of snowmobilers using club trails were not paying membership fees. Prentice told The Times that riders using trails without a permit

this season could possibly be charged.

"It's not the local people using trails without joining the club, it's more often riders from the city," Prentice said. "They ride trails to their hearts content and leave smiling; the trails end up in awful shape as a result," he added.

Directors are hoping that the new system may actually improve funding for the association. According to Prentice, the Grey-Bruce Snowmobile Association turned down a \$13,000 government grant last year and raised \$60,000 through its own means. Prentice says the Grey-Bruce club has found the increase in revenue has allowed better trail maintenance, which in turn has brought more snowmobilers to the area.

The Haliburton Association's budget last year was \$52,000, \$22,000 of which was

provided by the provincial government for building a bridge at Gooderham. Other government grants dwindled to \$2,800 last year, from \$13,000 in 1980-81 season. That left the club with \$27,200 in maintenance costs to pick up, an amount that was raised through a draw, two dances, membership fees and strong financial support from the business community. In addition to the Gooderham bridge, the association built two bridges using its own funds. Bridges were established at Black River and Beech River this past season.

Lutterworth municipality, meanwhile has proposed to the provincial government that half of all revenue from snowmobile licence fees be returned to clubs for trail maintenance. The idea has met with support from most of the municipalities in the county, and most have sent their endorsement of Lutterworth's proposal to Queen's Park.

Prentice is hoping the new system will be a success. "We hope we're making the right move. Everyone we've talked to agrees we are. We just hope now that it will work." he said.





HHHS changes tack with ER docs

Haliburton hospital recruiting to address shortage

by JENN WATT

Editor

With the number of local doctors willing and able to staff the Haliburton emergency room dwindling, Haliburton Highlands Health Services has decided to try recruiting them.

In the past, doctors who came to the community to practise family medicine would be asked to take a few shifts a month at the ER in Haliburton. That method doesn't work anymore.

"A lot of small towns are struggling across Ontario with not being able to attract doctors that are interest in doing both [clinic hours and ER hours]," said chief of staff Dr. Greg Karaguesian.

As of this January, Karaguesian expects to be down to two full-time ER doctors, three local physicians putting in hours at the ER and a handful of locums from the city. It's not enough to adequately staff the service, which sees more than 12,700 patients a year.

"We definitely do have a challenge although we are working on some strategies to address that challenge," said HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer.

"We are going to be doing something dif-

ferent than we've done as an organization in the past and that is we ourselves are going to be recruiting an emergency room physician. In the past, emergency room physicians, a lot of them, have been the physicians that work in the Family Health Team, so the recruitment of physicians to this community has typically happened through the Family Health Team as opposed to being done by the hospital," she said.

HHHS will be consulting with local doctors on where to post the recruitment materials and what needs to be included in the call-out. Plummer is also planning to meet with current staff to talk about scheduling.

The number of physicians HHHS needs to recruit has to do with the kind of medicine they want to practise, she said.

"If we had somebody that was interested in coming here permanently ... we would probably only need one," she said. However, if the doctor wanted to work with the Family Health Team and pick up hours at the ER, one wouldn't be enough.

Emergency room doctors don't work for hospitals, they are self-employed and bill the Ministry of Health for their work. That means while HHHS isn't the doctors' employer, it is still responsible for ensuring its ER is staffed.

HHHS has been in touch with the regional health authority, the Central East Local Health Integration Network, about the coming shortage as well as Health Force Ontario (HFO), which will be helping with posting recruitment material.

"We haven't needed a huge amount of support from them [CE LHIN] in this regard yet, but we may need support from them in the future. We are trying to look internally first," Plummer said.

In the interim, locums may be relied on more heavily. Some of those are doctors who already do regular shifts at the hospital despite not living in the area and others could come through Health Force Ontario.

Karaguesian said he hopes it doesn't come to that.

"If you make an application to HFO they don't guarantee that they'll fill your spots, but they'll look because they have doctors on retainer," he said.

He said the HFO system is more expensive and doesn't offer the stability that regular staff can provide.

Plummer said there is a cost to using the service, but that it could be needed in the short

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We're going to be doing something different than we've done as an organization in the past.

— HHHS CEO CAROLYN PLUMMER

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term until someone is found to work permanently in the ER.

HHHS is changing the way it finds and retains doctors for the emergency department to address the current dilemma, the CEO said, while praising current staff and doctors for their efforts to keep the shifts filled.

"We're committed to making sure we have the appropriate services for the people of the County of Haliburton. ... We're doing everything in our power to make sure those services are consistently there for people."





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Swinging for curling

Minden golfer Terry Landry drives from seventh hole during the Minden Curling Club's Fall Fun Golf Tournament on Wednesday. Sept. 14 at the Blairhampton Golf Tournament in Minden. The ninehole event, which was a "step aside scramble" format, drew 36 golfers and has been held at least 20 years. The club will start its season on Oct. 11. A new member deal is available for \$99. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 23. Beginning the first Sunday of November, the club offers a free four-week Learn to Curl program. This is a progressive instructional program aimed at new curlers and particular non members. For more offers and information see www.mindencurlingclub.com. **DARREN LUM Staff**

Golfers Don Bunt, left back, Larry Ferguson of Minden with Marian Gillanders. front left, and Pat Woodcroft were four of 36 participants in the Minden Curling Club's Fall Fun Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the Blairhampton **Golf Tournament** in Minden.





Golfers react to a near miss on the sixth hole during the Minden Curling Club's Fall Fun Golf Tournament.

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Minden golfers Terry Landry, left, looks on as James Bastedo drives from seventh hole.



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Harvest Festival opens Irondale garden to community

Kids' games, displays, demonstrations, food and history on offer at church site

by JENN WATT Editor

Beside the historic church in Irondale grows a small community garden. In its third year of production, the plot grows veggies for the Minden food bank and has the potential of bringing together neighbours.

Not enough people know about the resource, says area resident Linda Code, which is why this weekend a special festival will be held on the church grounds, beside the garden.

"What we're doing is we want to bring the community together to make them aware that we have a community garden," says Code, the co-ordinator of the Irondale Family Harvest Festival scheduled from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24.

"We wanted to make people aware [the garden is] there. One way we could do this is set up a few displays highlighting some of the people in the area," she says.

A local oil painter will be coming with a sampling of her work for viewing and sale; a woman from Fleming College in Lindsay will have a display on local mammals; a man who raises chickens and grows garlic will have a booth; wagon rides with commentary on the area's history will run through the back roads; there will be a display on solitary bees; and a local spinner/weaver will be showing her work.

Kids games and crafts will keep little ones entertained and there will be food for sale.

At 4 p.m. there will be a community corn roast followed at 7 p.m. by a concert by local country singer Ryan VanLieshout, which is \$20.

"What we're trying to do is get a wide range of interests," Code says.

The event is sponsored by Bark Lake Cultural Developments, a registered charity committed to preserving the Irondale Church as well as promoting local history.

To that end, George Simmons will be discussing the area's history both in a hike in the morning (through Hike Haliburton), followed by the wagon rides.

"He'll do the talking and someone else will do driving down Irondale Road," says Code. Likely topics: the history of mining in the area; the railroads; and school.

For more information about the event, go to Irondale.ca or check them out at Facebook.com/IrondaleOntario.

MINOR HOCKEY

Getting warmed up for the season

The Bancroft I.D.A./ Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls travelled to Oshawa on the weekend as a warmup opportunity to their new season. Friday afternoon they worked off some rust and skated to a 0 - 0 tie with the Niagara Rapids. Katie Hoover calmed all the choppy water in the first game of the year, stopping all the Rapids' shots on net in the shut-out / goose egg tie. In an evening match-up, they faced off against the Glengarry Highlanders. The second game of the day showed, as the Highlanders netted 3 unanswered goals late in the third period after Bancroft had jumped out to an early 1 - 0 in the first period with Danielle Sunstrum's

goal. On Saturday afternoon, the Jets used the Friday night loss to motivate them in their third game of the tournament against the undefeated 2-and-0 Durham West Lightning. Marissa Phillip's third period tally with a low blocker wrister proved to be the difference as the Jets defeated the Lightning 2-0. Danielle Sunstrum added the second snipe of the game (her second of the Tourny) along with Katie Hoover securing her second shut-out of the Tourny in the win. In a late evening Saturday night match-up, the Jets took to the ice against Toronto Leaside Wildcats in their fourth, and last game of their round robin play. The Jets continued to build on their

level of play to finish with a strong effort. Their hard work resulted in a spirited effort with a 6 - 0 win ... and a second place finish in their pool play. Katie Hoover turned aside all Wildcat chances in her Tourny "hat trick of shut-outs, supporting the Jet snipers - Ella Hedley, Katie Funk, Kenndal Marsden, Tori Shpikula and Danielle Sunstrum with 2 ... and 4 for the Tourny. Great tourny ladies! Keep up the focus as we gear up for our new season.

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Peewee girls fall to Cambridge

The Leveque Brothers / Rock Breaker Peewee Girls hit the ice this past weekend in the 17th Annual Oshawa Lady Generals Fall Classic tournament. It was a great start for the girls that range from Bancroft, Wilberforce, Haliburton, Minden and Marmora to bond as a team and get the rust off the legs. The first game saw some fast paced hockey as the Jets opened the scoring with two quick goals scored by Hailey Hudder and Peyton Armstrong. Cambridge was not going to give up and came back to take the win by a score of 3-2. The girls later took on the Scarborough Sharks and learned their lesson from the previous game that hard work is needed and not to give up as they took their first win of the season by a score of 2-1, goals scored by Olivia

Villamere and Emma Tidey. Saturday morning was a very early start for the girls but their energy was off the charts as they stunned West Northumberland Wilds by a score of 6-0. Goals scored by Elyse Ives (2), Tidey, Ryan Rupnow, Hudder and "Fireball" Chole Billings. The final match of the day saw the girls take on what ended up being the tournament champions Nepean Wildcats in what proved to be a hard fought game. With some amazing saves from Bella

Smolen who turned away shot after shot we came out with a 1-1 tie. Goal scored by Armstrong. The peewee girls tied for second place in their pool but failed to advance to the semi finals. Every girl contributed to the amazing hockey that was played on the weekend. Watch for these fast flying girls during the regular season.

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NOTICE Council Meeting Location Change

Notice is hereby provided that the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for the Township of Algonquin Highlands to be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. will be held at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall located at 1095 North Shore Road.

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HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course

When: Thursday, September 22, 9 am to 5 pm Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton. This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Fall Maplefest "all you can eat" Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale

When: Saturday Sept. 24, 9 am - 1 pm Where: Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Road, off Gelert Road (County Rd. 1) Adults: \$6.00, children under 12: \$3.00 preschoolers free

Haliburton Concert Series presents Michele Jacot

When: Saturday, September 24

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Cost: Adults \$30, Students \$10 Join us for a concert at 7:30 p.m. with multiinstrumentalist Michele Jacot who will perform on clarinet, saxophone, flute, and piccolo. She will be accompanied by pianist Sonya Sim. Contact June Smith (705-457-3272, june.smith705@gmail. com) for tickets and information.www.haliburtoncs. blogspot.com

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Logging History in Haliburton County

When: Saturday, Sept. 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Where: Hawk Lake Log Chute, Big Hawk Lake Rd.,

Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult Leader: Bill Forbes, Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum

With the guidance of a volunteer from the Stanhope Museum, we'll take a tour of the Chute, and hike the surrounding trails. Dress for the weather, bring your camera and pack a picnic lunch if you like.

Haliburton County Historical Society, Harvest Pork Roast Dinner

When: Saturday Sept. 24th, 5:30 pm Where: Stanhope Firefighters Hall, 1123 North Shore

Tickets: \$20.00 each, call 705-754-0427

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic When: Wednesday, September 28, 10:30 am to

Noon The clinic provides clients with confidential access

to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Irondale Community Centre Roast Beef

When: Oct. 1, doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm Where: R.McCausland Memorial Centre, 1043 Community Centre Rd. Gooderham Auction & Entertainment follows the meal Tickets \$20.00, call 705-447-2380

Ingoldsby United Church - Soup & Sandwich Lunch

When: Saturday Oct. 1, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday October 2, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm A variety of soups, sandwiches, tea biscuits, tarts and beverages. Craft and harvest tables with preserves, jams and a variety of handmade crafts will be available for purchase.



Donation sends kids to camp

The Highland Paddlers not only enjoy the experience of dragon boating they also raise money for local charities. Recently, paddler Joannie Ransberry presented a cheque for almost \$1600 to Marg Cox, Executive Director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. Cox understands that many of our local children and teens would benefit from all that the camp experience has to offer and also knows that many of our families cannot afford to send their children to camp. Camp helps children and youth build self-esteem, friendships, skills and memories that will last a lifetime. Photo Submitted

Events



Come dig the Dorset seed library

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano 705-766-0076 malfano@hotmail.ca

The 4th Annual Dorset Scarecrow Contest has been launched! Everyone is encouraged to get into the spirit and participate - why? Because it will be fun! Individuals - community and church groups – businesses – put together teams – All are welcome! Create a scarecrow and display it at the end of your driveway or in front of your business. Register by Sept. 28 by calling or emailing the Rec Centre. Organizers will be out to take pictures of the entries on Sept. 29. Pictures will be displayed at the Dorset Recreation Centre from Oct. 3 to 15 to give everyone a chance to vote on their favourite. To wrap the contest up – there will be a Pumpkin Pie Social at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. where there will be awards for first, second and third places. Email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to register or to find out more.

Dorset artist Elizabeth Johnson currently has a show entitled Lakes and Landscapes, Algonquin Park featuring her work at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre until Sept. 28. If you get a chance, please visit to support one of our own local very talented artists! The visitor's centre is located at Km43 on Hwy 60 in the park and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.ejohnsonart.com or call Elizabeth at 705-766-0973.

As you are putting your gardens to bed, please keep in mind the seed library at the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. They are always looking for donations of seeds to share with others. Once you have collected seeds from your "easy to save" crops or flowers, place five to 100 seeds (depending on the variety) in an envelope and label with the name, variety, source, year and any helpful notes. The branch has pre-labelled envelopes you can pick up and use or feel free to use your own.

From the seed library handout: "Why save seeds? Humans have been saving seeds for over 12,000 years. In our culture much of that knowledge has been lost over the last 100 years along with significant biodiversity. When you grow and save your own seeds, you develop seed stock that is well suited to our climate, save money, mitigate our dependence on agro-business. When you participate in the seed library, you help create a culture of sharing and abundance within the

To find out more, call 705-766-9969 or stop by the Dorset branch! Hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m.

Last week I mentioned an opportunity to participate in drumming lessons on Tuesdays. There is a new time, 7:40 to 8:40 p.m. through to Nov. 1. The cost is \$10 per class or pay for 5 classes and receive 1 free. Gillian asked me to share the many health benefits of drumming. They include; increased brain function, decreased stress, improved immune system, greater sense of happiness and well-being and social connectivity. To find out more or to sign up, call Gillian at 705-571-2539.

There are a couple of spots available in the Dorset Thanksgiving Arts, Crafts & Antiques Show taking place on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre. Email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to find out more. Hand crafted items or unique antique collectibles only please.

Happy birthday to Emily Keown and Erich Nash.

If you would like to include something in the news, please contact me at malfano@hotmail.ca or by telephone at 705-766-0076.

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Sept. 12 contract bridge at Stanhope: Taking top marks at 4,570 was our bridge reporter [3 events] Margo Davidson followed by Willie Cox 4,230, Sandy McKay 4,190 and Jack Cox 4,150. The Lucky Loonie was awarded to Sharon Gardiner while Vange Croucher and Norm Smith teamed up for a Small Slam.

Sept. 13 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the high scoring trio members were David Gray 3,860, Catherine Kellett 3,740 and Don Ballantyne 3,700. This group is a great way to start off your morning at 9.a.m. and is open to all levels of players.

Sept. 13 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 256, Vi Howell 233, Joan McKnight 226 and Pearl Cowen 221. First for the gents at 281 was Albert Foster followed by Dorothy McElwain 224, Wayne Jones 217 and Bruce Medcalf 205. Our reporter Betty Wagar won the draw with Jean Scadden, Dorothy McElwain and Tom Grix claiming the smaller prizes. Six moonshots landed on Albert Foster, Archie Ross, Al McMullen, Howard Smith, Sharron Atkinson and

Sept. 13 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Holding the most lone hands was Harold Harvie with Irene McDowell high lady and Donna Darby low. Topping the charts for the gents was Terry Davis with Ed McDowell low man and our interim reporter Helen Burk the draw

Sept. 14 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/ South leaders were Muriel McIntosh and Art Steed 70 percent, Jackie Metcalf and Bruce Armstrong 56 percent and Joan Davies partnered with Dee McLean 53 percent. Over in East/West the honours went to Ross Davies and Rod Smyth 58 percent, John and Mary Anderson 56 percent and Liv Andersen partnered with Kathie Porter 55 percent.

Sept. 15 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand holders were Bev Johnson and Ron Morrison with Reg Coulter high representing the ladies and Tom Orr high man. The evening's lows went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and our reporter Tom Grix while James Bastedo, Doug McIntosh, Howard Smith and Yvonne Arbuthnot took home the other prizes.

Sept. 15 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Diane Wigley 308, Pat Roussel 287, Vi Howell 266 and Betty Wagar 234. With 304 Tom Grix was first for the gents followed by Warren Hueson 286, Doug McIntosh 247 and Archie Ross 237. The hidden score was shared by Clare Obdam and Pat Roussel while Ron Morrison took the card draw and Pat Scadden call 1. Bev Johnson also reports that Maria Tschida, Betty Wagar, Tom Grix, Warren Hueson, Doug McIntosh and Kevin Maloney all had single moonshots.

Sept. 16 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First in North/South were Tom and Margo Davidson at 57 percent then Paul Pethick partnered with Rolly Forbert 51 percent. Tied for third spot also at 51 percent were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies and Mary Johnson partnered with Judy Neimann. Leading in East/West were Ruth Forrester and Gord Cochrane 71 percent, Dave Robinson teamed with dave Willis 66 percent and Tom and Dorothy Howat 62 percent.

Sept. 16 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Cathy Howe, for lone hands Murray Simmons, for low hands Judy Reddy and for the special

prize Jean Randell. From our reporter Shirley Howe the news that her mother Minden resident Eileen Shepstone would be celebrating her 95th birthday with family and friends at a party in her honour on Sunday, I had the pleasure of meeting Eileen with Shirley one Mother's Day at Kinmount United Church where she had been an active member some years earlier.

Sept. 18 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the high scoring trio members were Sharron Atkinson 311, Tom Grix 304 and Dorothy McElwain 278. Anne Manning hld the hidden score while Tom Grix won the card draw and Dave Deemert the call 1. A total of five moonshots struck Marcel Roussel, Bill Muzzi, Tom Grix, Betty Wagar and

Sept. 19 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hands holders were Ellen Holden and Yvonne Arbuthnot with our interim reporter Pearl Cowen and Mary Trumbull posting the high scores. Lorna Hicks won for both low score and the special prize and also shared a visit by the skunk with Don Blakey.

Sept. 19 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that Dana Briscoe topped the charts at 276 then Janice Davidson 254 and Rae Dawn Shepheard 248. Gala Newell won the draw and took a moonshot along with Dana Briscoe, Jesse Barlow, Marjorie Paradis and Dorothy McElwain.

Sept. 19 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Eileen Shepstone, for lone hands Maria Tschida, for low hands Lil Mann and for the special prize Jean Randell. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this update.



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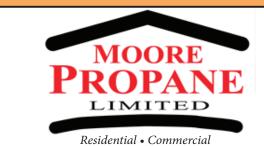
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Fall programs resume in Kinmount

AROUNDTHE TOWN

Patti Fleury 705-488-2938 brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Here at the old farmhouse in spite of a win over Seattle last night there is growing concern over the apparent September slumping of our Toronto Blue Jays. At the opening of the season there was so much hype about a repeat American East divisional championship but somehow John Gibbons and crew failed to read that memo. The number of blue shirts, caps and signs filling the Safeco Stadium was most impressive as was the lusty singing of our national anthem requiring no professional musical backup. I finished my knitted prayer shawl for dear friend Sue in time for her treatments starting but had to confess although the sentiment was real some of the ideal conditions related to the knitting environment specified by the Prayer Shawl Ministry were lacking. Rather than quiet, candles, soft music and aromatherapy Sue's shawl was created in front of the television with the occasional stitch needing to be picked up anytime that Josh or Edwin cracked a home run.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to former Kinmount and now Minden resident Eileen Shepstone. Eileen celebrated her 95th birthday with family and friends over the past weekend. An avid card player Eileen shows up quite regularly in my County Card Scores column. Thanks to her daughter Shirley Howe for letting me know about this special occasion and I invite others to please do the same.

Cousin Margo will be vising from London, Ont. this weekend and plans include a visit to Brenda Mulholland's Studio as she participates again this year on the Victoria County/ KawarthaLakes Studio Tour. To quote the description of Brenda's work from the tour brochure, "Fine art celebrating Ontario's woodlands, people and pets,. Textural, joyful in many media". Over this weekend and next Brenda will welcome visitors to her home at 421 Somerville 9th Concession, Burnt River running 4 km. west off Cty. Rd. 121 south of Kinmount. Her contact number is 705-488-1574 or visit www.brendamulhol-

"Legion Week" continues at Branch 441 Kinmount. Many of the regular programs offered by this busy Branch are up and running again after the summer break. For more details give the Legion a call at 705-488-3462 or check out its Facebook page. New members are welcome and many activities and events are open to non-members as well.

As the Legion returns to its fall/winter schedule so do many of the groups in Kinmount ranging from pre-schoolers enjoying the free Playschool program offered two mornings a week in the Kinmount Community Centre to the Guides resuming their

Monday early evening program on Sept. 26 [contact Lynne at 705-488=2919]. The troop which includes Sparks and Brownies will begin creating friendly scarecrows for the "Harvest Homecoming" celebrations on Saturday, Oct. 9. The scarecrow designers are looking for well-worn but still appropriate apparel and items can be left for them at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Marketplace will be a destination point to visit on both Saturday and Sunday Oct. 8 and 9 as Harvest Homecoming and Thanksgiving are celebrated. instructional classes in Tai Chi, Yoga and Highland Dancing are also available and for a full range of learning opportunities visit www.kinmount.ca.

i was delighted to see the September "Spot the Shot" in that month's issue of the terrific Kinmount Gazette. It showed my old barn loom circa 1850 all warped and ready to go in the Pioneer/ Heritage building at the Kinmount Fair. From a pile of pieces in the back of our neighbour's truck to its finished operating state the barn loom is an example of how communities shared resources. The skill of its maker fashioning such a functional item from the variety of woods available to him on the farm is evident as is the affection he bestowed on it with small decorative touches. The golden glow of the ash beater worn smooth by so many earlier working hands gives a sense of living history.

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I want to send a special thank you to the two paramedics, the two police officers and the firemen that did everything they could on Sept. 5th to help my husband, Lorne Hotton. I need to thank the doctor who was on call that day and the nurses at the Mindén Hospital, they were all great. I want to thank Dr. Coles for his great care of Lorne, over the last six years. The homecare nurses for the past two months and all my family and friends. I send a special thank you to Don and Pat Maulson, Wes and Margaret Stevenson, Sharon and Vince Jarvis and all the wonderful people in Hunter Creek Estates.

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Orie L. Loucks

Noted ecologist and environmentalist, died peacefully with his family by his side, on Saturday September 10, 2016.

He passed away at his home in Waunakee Wisconsin as a result of Multiple Myeloma cancer. Orie Loucks was born on October 2, 1931 near the town of Minden in Haliburton County, Ontario. He was the second son

of Albert Vinton Loucks and Letitia Emily (Hunter) Loucks. He grew up on the lakeside farm where the family raised livestock and produced maple syrup. He attended half a dozen small schools eventually graduating from Lindsay High School in 1949.

Orie attended the University of Toronto where he earned B. Sc. and M. Sc. Degrees in Forestry. He earned his Ph.D. in Plant Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1960. After a seven-year stint with the Canada Department of Forestry, he joined the Botany Faculty at the University of Wisconsin in 1962 and achieved the rank of Professor in 1967. In 1978 he moved to Butler University in Indianapolis where he became Director of the Holcomb Research Institute in 1983. Then in 1989, Orie joined the faculty of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he held the Ohio Eminent Scholar Chair in Applied Ecological Studies until his retirement in 2002.

Orie will be remembered for his tireless efforts to solve the biggest environmental problems society has encountered, notably habitat destruction, deforestation, acid rain and climate change. Among his many achievements were his testimony that led to the banning of DDT in 1969, negotiation of the 1972 and 1978 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreements and exposing destructive coal mining practices in the Appalachian Mountains. He was also the principal author of a Loucks family history that provides details on 14 generations

Orie was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Albert and Leon, his sisters Barbara and Phyllis, and his niece Moira O'Sullivan. He is survived by Elinor Jane (Bernstein) Loucks, his loving wife of 60 years, his three children and their spouses; Eric (Mary), Kimberly (Michael) Coplien, and Edward (Tina), his grandchildren William and Emily Loucks and Lucy Robbins, his brother Foster (Dianne) and Sister-in-law Susan and 15 cherished nieces and nephews and their many children.

Friends and family are invited to gather at Ingoldsby United Church, Ingoldsby from 12:30 pm on Saturday October 8, 2016 until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:30 pm. Interment to follow at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Orie supported many charitable causes but his favorites include Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) "Tranquility

Trail", the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community of Oxford, Ohio and memorial donations can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario, Canada K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com







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Our lives haven't been the same since we lost you on March 15th, 2016 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. It's hard to believe that six months has now passed. It will be your 84th birthday on September 20th and we will be celebrating you and the amazing legacy that you left behind.

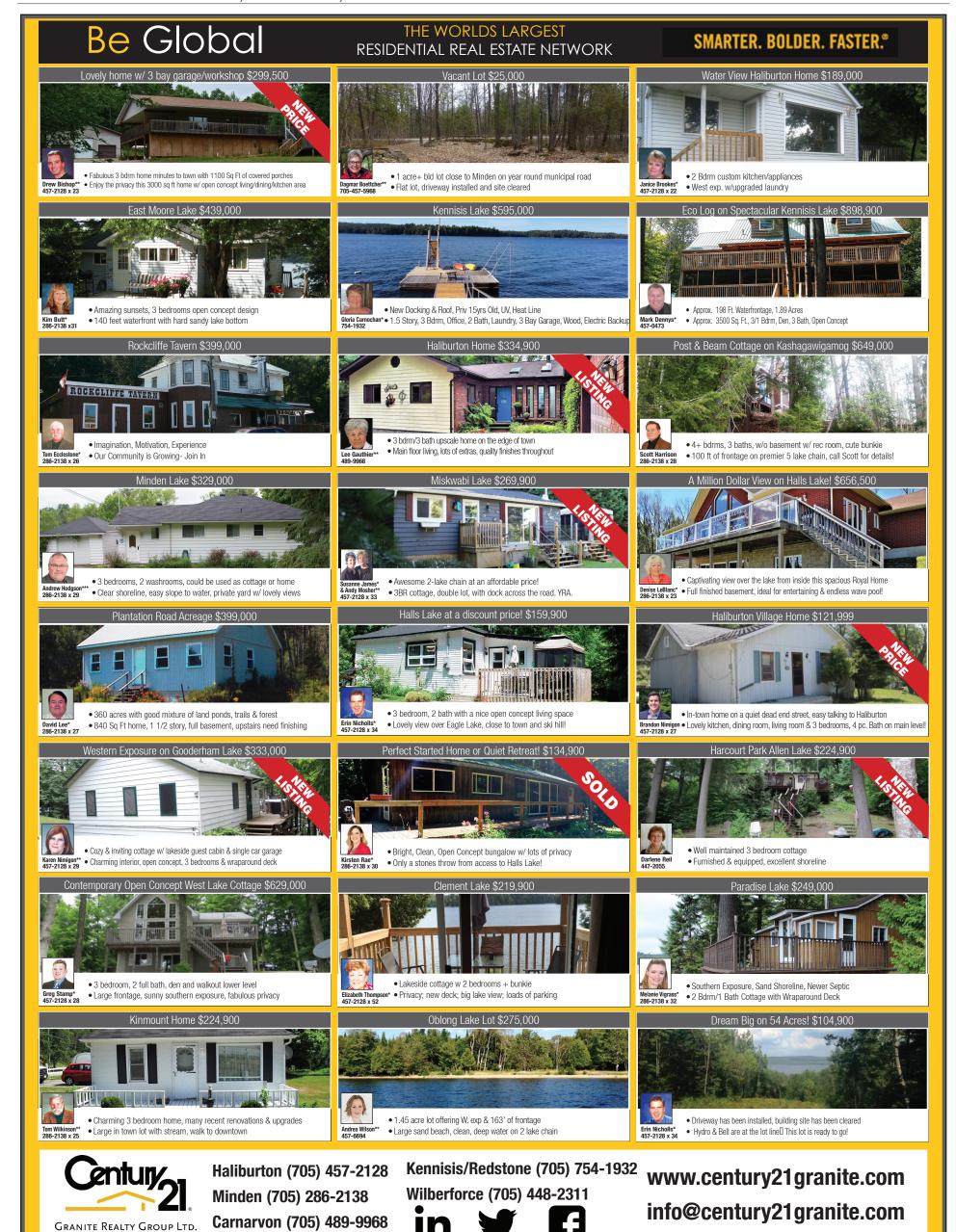
Al started his printing career at The Haliburton Echo many years ago before working 30 years at the Ford Motor Company. He was a marshall at Beaverbrook and enjoyed diving for golf balls in the Minden River. He loved tinkering in the cottage basement in Ingoldsby and most of all, being with his grandchildren.

We miss you and we will always carry you with us in our hearts. Those we love don't go away. they walk beside us every day. Until we meet again... LOVE YOU PAPA xox

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